

MTA-7002  
6 January 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- December 1986

## I. GENERAL

The Embassy issued a travel advisory for the West Bank and Gaza on 4 December prohibiting unofficial travel by mission employees in the territories. The advisory was issued in light of widespread disturbances following the killing of two Bi'r Zayt university students by IDF soldiers on the 4th. The advisory was lifted for Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Jericho on 23 December, in time for the Christmas festivities.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

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Bureau Persian monitor [ ] assumed coverage of the 1500, 1700, and 1800 GMT Moscow Persian casts for 17, 18, 24, 25, and 31 December, to accomodate the leave plans of Nicosia Bureau's Persian monitors.

### B. Technical

In connection with bureau efforts to improve reception of Cairo Television, a team from Telran Communications arrived at the bureau on the 11th to test the strength and quality of the Cairo Television First Program signal as received on the roof of the bureau building. Based on the positive results of the tests, Headquarters approved the purchase and installation of two Lindsay high-gain antennas in a stacked configuration. Initial results indicate a significant improvement in reception.

### C. Lateral Services

Acting Bureau Chief [ ] began preliminary testing STAT and interviewing of seven Hungarian monitor candidates for Austria Bureau, selected by the latter from over 60 applicants who responded to an advertisement placed in the Israeli press. Testing is expected to continue through the first week of January. The results will be pouched to Austria Bureau for evaluation.

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## III. ADMINISTRATION

## A. Personnel

Hebrew Monitor [ ] and Turkish Monitor [ ]  
[ ] were promoted to FBN 10-7 and FBN 10-6, respectively.

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## B. Building and Grounds

1. As reported in the bureau's November monthly report, the bureau engineer and technicians met with representatives of Azorim, the [ ] construction company, and of a new tenant in the building and agreed on two locations for the tenant's Motorola 2-way radio transmitting antenna on the roof of the building offering the least potential for interference with the bureau's antennas. Subsequently, bureau technicians discovered that the antenna had been installed in a location not approved by the sides. In response to a bureau request for clarification, the representative of the building construction company stated that a "bona-fide mistake" had been made, and provided written assurances that the antenna would be removed at no cost to FBIS if it caused "technical problems" for bureau operations.

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2. On 1 December the bureau received a final invoice from Azorim for work carried out in 1985 to prepare the premises for FBIS occupancy. The invoice grand total of \$136K is nearly \$30K more than the amount remaining in the bureau's 1985 budget for this purpose. The invoice contains several errors, as well as highly questionable items that were contested as early as 1985. Bureau considers this invoice negotiable. In consultation with legal counsel, bureau requested from RAMC a check for some \$83K as a partial payment of the uncontested portions of the invoice and a gesture of good faith. In addition, Bureau has requested a meeting with Azorim and the lawyers for each side to resolve the remaining areas of dispute and arrive at a final "final invoice." The meeting has been scheduled for 7 January.

## IV. VISITS

1. Nicosia Bureau's Regional Engineer [ ] paid an inspection visit to the bureau 7-11 December. He familiarized himself with bureau operations and visited the Saqiyyah and Gal'on remote sites.

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2. Bureau Chief [ ] left for delayed home leave on the 10th.

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3. Editor [ ] returned from R&R in the U.S. on the 12th.

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## IV. VISITS (Cont'd)

4. On the 22nd, the bureau's engineer, technicians, and cruising monitor visited Mr Tzvi Golod, an electronics engineer working for Ampa Satellite Communications. Mr Golod sells, installs and services satellite dish antennas and provides satellite monitoring services to several consumers, including ABC and NBC. He stated that Ampa is the only company in Israel licensed to provide satellite monitoring services. He noted that he can provide video recordings to consumers in the Tel Aviv area within 20 minutes of the end of a given broadcast. Using nearly a dozen satellite dishes located at his facility in the United Herzliyya Studios compound (10 miles north of Tel Aviv), Mr Golod is able to monitor Tehran TV (On Intelsat 57 degrees east, KU band), Ankara TV (Intelsat 60 degrees east), Arabsat, and Moscow TV, among many others. Mr Golod is currently in the process of setting up a 5-meter dish designed to pick up the 24-hour CNN transmissions on Intelsat 27.5 degrees west. The visiting FBIS party was impressed with Mr Golod's equipment and technical competence. All concerned feel that he is a significant potential source of technical and cruising information. In addition, his satellite monitoring service is a possible low-cost emergency coverage option. For example, in an emergency, Tel Aviv Bureau might be able to arrange short-term, near-real-time television coverage of Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and other countries, in the form of courier-delivered video recordings.



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A/Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

cc: JN, NC

Attachments: a. Production Report  
b. Communications Report

## Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for DECEMBER 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	223450
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	52060
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	671

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7633.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	4330
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	0
Clandestine Free Voice of Iran in Persian	0
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	0
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	12270
Clandestine Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	0

## CYPRUS

Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0
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## GREECE

Athens in English to South Africa	0
Athens in English to Australia	0

## ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	48880
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	11350

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	12500		
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	450		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	14920		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			8820
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			240
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			2790
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			4530
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			1400
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH in Arabic			1980
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Spanish			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			180
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			19680
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			5050
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			6110
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			13140
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			4160
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			700
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			6870
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			3440
SOVIET UNION			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	0		
Moscow in Turkish	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in			
Dari	0		
Moscow in			
Persian	530		
 TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in			
Turkish	32760		
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
Turkish		330	
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
English		6040	
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
French		0	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in			
Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in			
Turkish			0
 UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in			
English	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR DEC. 1986 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 223,450 ( 201,310)  
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 52,060 ( 50,260)  
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 8,887 ( 8,386)  
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 16,400 on 5th Dec '86.  
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,110 on 27th Dec '86.

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 5.5 HOURS, 1.1 PERCENT.  
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 5.5 HOURS, 1.1 PERCENT.

OUTAGES: 13 December 1986 - Problems with Mux board at  STAT  
19 December 1986 - Power outage at Embassy  STAT  
due to storm

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 100.

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.